

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the claims

Claim 1 (Original): A process for modifying a cyclic peptide ring nucleus comprising the steps of:

- (i) providing a cyclic peptide compound comprising a peptide unit having a γ -hydroxyl group;
- (ii) opening the ring of said cyclic peptide compound to provide a first linear peptide wherein said peptide unit having a γ -hydroxyl group is the N-terminus peptide unit of said first linear peptide;
- (iii) cleaving-off said peptide unit having a γ -hydroxyl group to provide a second linear peptide;
- (iv) attaching at least one amino acid, dipeptide unit or synthetic unit to said second linear peptide to produce a third linear peptide;
- (v) cyclizing said third linear peptide to produce a modified cyclic peptide compound having a modified ring nucleus.

Claims 2 - 20 (canceled)